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In re the application of:

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Serial Number: 09/866,923

Examiner: D. Zirker

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For: ADHESIVE FILM FOR DISPLAYS

RESTRICTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: September 9, 2002

Sir:

The Office Action dated August 8, 2002, has been received and noted. This paper and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

This election is being made in response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2002, in which the Examiner identified three (3) distinct species in the present application. The Examiner further required the Applicant to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits. The three (3) species, identified by the Examiner as residing in claim 2, are:

- (A) an anti-reflection layer;
- (B) an anti-static layer; and
- (C) an infrared ray blocking layer, together with claims 3 and 6.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, the Applicant elects, with traverse, the subject matter listed in (A) on an anti-reflection layer for prosecution on the merits. Additionally, the Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement for the following reasons.

In various transparent films for displays, when optical properties such as anti-

reflective properties, anti-static properties, and infrared ray blocking properties are given therein, the films are colored by materials having their properties. Thus, it is an object of the present invention to solve the problem regarding image contrast or color reproduction which deteriorate from coloring. That is, by combining the properties such as anti-reflective properties, anti-static properties, and infrared ray blocking properties, or by combining each property with the other layer, the total color of the film is turned to achromatic color such that the present invention achieves the above-discussed effect.

Therefore, since the present invention is a technique which turns the total color of film to achromatic color without changing properties which are given to films for displays, such as anti-reflective properties, anti-static properties, and infrared blocking properties, the claims of the present invention do not contain distinct species.

Given the above election, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in a condition for examination on the merits. Applicant also respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement in view of the above remarks. Applicant respectfully requests an early examination and favorable action on the merits.

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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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